GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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PRODUCTION OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production of coal in the country at present ;

(b) whether the country is self-reliant in respect of coal production;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is possibility of widening of gap between the demand and availability of coal during the current financial year;

(e) if so, the extent thereof;

(f) the details of demand and consumption of coal in each State especially in Himachal Pradesh; and

(g) the steps taken by the Union Government to increase the production of coal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a): Annual production of coal in the country is 341.272 million tonnes during 2002-2003.

(b)&(c): The projected coal demand for the terminal year of 10th Five Year Plan (2006-2007) is 460.50 million tonnes against which the projected indigenous coal supply/availability is 405 million tonnes. The gap between demand and supply/availability is due to non availability of good quality coking and non-coking coal owing to gradual depletion of extractable reserve of these coals.

(d)&(e): The target of indigenous coal availability is 351.40 million tonnes against the demand of 380.90 million tonnes during 2003-2004. The gap between demand and availability is likely to be reduced in the revised estimate 2003-2004 with an increased anticipated supply of 356.12 million tonnes.

(f): Despatch of coal and coal products from Coal India Limited (CIL)during 2002-2003 state-wise including the state of Himachal Pradesh is given below:-

(in million tonnes)

Sl.No.	State	Despatch
1	Bihar	0.950
2	Jharkhand	18.463
3	West Bengal	25.192
4	Uttar Pradesh	51.892
5	Orissa	21.111
6	Madhya Pradesh	28.721
7	Chattisgarh	25.236
8	Maharashtra	34.111
9	Gujarat	15.379
10	Rajasthan	9.985
11	Delhi	4.788
12	Punjab	10.921
13	Haryana	5.790
14	Tamil Nadu	13.993
15	Andhra Pradesh	13.918
16	Karnataka	3.728
17	Kerala	0.095
18	J & K	0.103
19	Himachal Pradesh	0.635
20	Uttaranchal	0.017

21 Assam 0.251
22 Others 0.244

Total 285.523

However, assessment on demand of coal is not done state-wise.

(g): Following steps have been taken by the Government to increase the production of coal:-

(i) 136 coal mining blocks have been identified for captive end use out of which blocks are being allotted to different parties.

(ii) Augmenting private sector participation without restricting captive consumption by introducing the Coal Mines (Nationalization) Amendment Bill, 2000 in the Parliament.

(iii) Revision of policy of coal mining by the State Government companies allowing mining by both underground and opencast method in the country.